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THE Ordinary *of* NEWGATE HIS ACCOUNT OF

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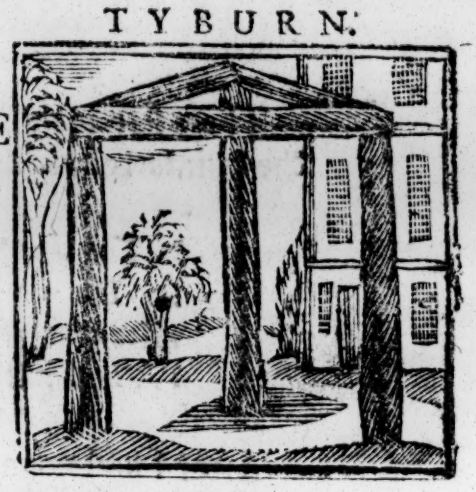

The Behaviour, Confeſſions, *and* Laſt Speeches *of the* Malefactors *that were Executed at* TYBURN, *on* Wedneſday *the* 22d *of* December, 1714.

23. Dec. 1714.

AT the General Seſſions held at Juſtice-Hall in the *Old baily*, on *Wedneſday* the 8th, *Thurſday* the 9th, *Friday* the 10th, *Saturday* the 11th, and *Monday* the 13th inſtant, Eight Men who were then Try'd for, and Convicted of diverſe Capital Crimes, receiv'd Sentence of Death accordingly; Three of whom having obtain'd the Mercy of a Reprieve (which I hope they will take due care to improve as they ought to do) Five are now order'd for Execution.

While they lay under this **Condemnation**, I conſtantly viſited them, pray'd with them, and expounded the Word of GOD to them in the Chapel of *Newgate*, to which they were brought up twice every day, to the end that being inſtructed in that Holy Word, they might (as in a Glaſs) ſee the Deformity and Heinouſneſs of their Sins, and the Beauty and Excellence of Religion and Virtue; and thereupon abhor and forſake **thoſe**, and become enamour'd with, and exert themſelves in the conſtant Practice of **theſe**; *bringing forth Fruits meet for* **Repentance**, and by that (with the Merits of Chriſt apply'd to the ſanctifying and ſaving of their Souls) obtain Eternal Life.

On the *Lord's Day*, the 12th inſtant, I preach'd to them, and others there preſent, upon part of the Goſpel appointed for that Day, *viz. Matt.* 11. 10; the Words (which were ſpoken by our Bleſſed Saviour Himſelf) being theſe; *For it is written, Behold I ſend my Meſſenger before Thy Face, which ſhall prepare Thy Way before Thee.*

In my Explanation of which Text, having obſerv'd,

1ſt, *What Place* (viz. Mal. 3. 1.) *theſe Words* [**It is Written**] *refer to; which ſhews the need we ſtand in of reading and acquainting our ſelves well with the Holy Scriptures*, that are able to make us wiſe unto Salvation, *and adminiſter great Inſtruction and Comfort to our Souls.*

2dly, *What was the Perſon of the* Meſſenger *here ſpoken of*, viz. *St.* John the Baptiſt; *and, What ſort of Life he led.*

3dly, *What was the Nature and Intent of his* Meſſage, viz. *The Preaching of* **Repentance.**

These Particulars I first briefly discours'd upon, and then spoke more largely to the Points following, *viz.*

I. *The true* Nature
II. *The indispensable* Necessity
III. *The great Danger in the* Delay
IV. and lastly, *The happy* Effects
} of Repentance.

After I had gone thro' every one of these Points, I did (in my particular Application to the Persons Condemn'd) endeavour to inforce on them this important Work of Repentance; which (with other practical Duties of Religion) I laid open before them in my daily Discourses to them, in publick and in private.

And on the last *Lord's Day*, the 19th instant, I preach'd to them again, both in the Morning and Afternoon, upon *Numb.* 35. 31. *Moreover, ye shall take no Satisfaction for the Life of a Murderer, which is guilty of Death: But he shall be surely put to Death.*

From which Words I shew'd;

I. *The heinous Nature of the Crime of* Murder, *which of all other Injuries committed against the Person of our Neighbour, is the greatest; because it is the Destroying (as much as in Man lies) the Image of God Himself, and taking* that *away which can never be restor'd.*

II. *The severe Punishment of it, which in this World is irremissible, because the Injury is irreparable.*

III. and lastly, *How much that Person, who is so unhappy as to be guilty of such an horrid Crime, (thus unpardonable by Men) ought to be concerned in doing whatever he can, effectually to repent according to the height and heinousness of such his Crime, that he may obtain Pardon in the other World, tho' he ought not to expect it in this.*

Having discours'd at large upon these Heads, I concluded here (as I did before) with suitable Exhortations and Application to all the Persons there, and particularly those under Sentence of Death; shewing them from Scripture, That a Man, who hates his Neighbour, and does offer any Injury or Violence to him, which may be the unhappy occasion of Blood-shed, is guilty of Murder before GOD, tho' Human Laws may let him escape the Punishment he really deserves. And upon this Account I endeavour'd to make them all sensible, and truly repent of their Sins, in the Commission of which they did put themselves into the Danger either of killing or being kill'd.

What Effect these, and the like Instructions and Admonitions that were given them, had upon their Hearts, I shall leave the Reader to judge from the Accounts they respectively gave me of themselves, which are as follow.

1. Richard Field, condemn'd for the Murder by him committed upon the Person of *Mary*, the Wife of *Gabriel Randal*, a Tobacco-Pipe-maker at *Uxbridge* in *Middlesex*, and stealing out of their House, Gold, Silver, and other Goods, to a great Value, on the 20th day of *October* last. He said, he was 27 Years of Age, born at *Conyhatch* in the County of *Middlesex*: That at first he went to School there, and afterwards to other good Schools in Towns thereabouts, *viz. Finchly*, *Totteridge*, and *East-Barnet*; and, That a good and pious Gentlewoman taking care of his Education, and defraying the Charge of it, he was well and virtuously brought up; but did not answer the End of that his Education; That when he was about 12 Years old, he would (and so did) go to *New-England*; and there being come, he was bound Apprentice to One *Michael Harding*, a Tobacco-Pipe-maker at *Boston*: That when he had serv'd out his seven years Apprentiship, he work'd 3 Years more (as a Journeyman) with his Master, who being a sober and godly Man, and keep-

keeping his Houſe in good Order, he the ſaid *Field* could not but outwardly appear religious and careful to diſcharge Chriſtian Duties then; tho' indeed at the ſame time he had a wicked Heart, and would often wrong even his good Maſter ſecretly; ſtealing Money and other things from him: That about 5 Years ago, returning into *England*, he wrought for a while at his Craft of Pipe-making, by which he got 5 *s.* or 6 *s.* a Week, and no more; and being perſwaded by ſome of his Friends to follow ſome other Employment, he try'd to learn ſome parts of the Art of Watch-making, as Punching, Gilding, *&c.* But as he could not attain to any Ability and Perfection therein, ſo he inſtead of being a Gainer, was at laſt a Loſer by it: That growing Poor, and deſiring to get Money at any Rate, and by any Means (Right or Wrong) he not only fell again to work at his old Trade of Pipe-making, but alſo pilfer and ſteal wherever he could; and, at laſt proceeded to the horrid Commiſſion of the two great Crimes, for which he was condemn'd to die, *viz.* Robbery and Murder; the latter whereof (which certainly is the moſt heinous of all other Facts) he ſaid, *the Devil prompted him to, he did not know how; but being in a hurry, and afraid of a Diſcovery, he ſtopt Mrs.* Randal's *Mouth with a Cloth, and thruſt it down her Throat, not thinking that it would (as it did) prove the ſad occaſion of her Death.* At firſt he pretended that One *John Gardener* was then in the Houſe, and the Perſon that committed the Murder; but afterwards he confeſs'd that none did it but himſelf, and that taking the opportunity of Mr. *Randal*'s abſence, who at that time was abroad, and with whom he work'd Journey-work, he of his own head contriv'd and effected theſe his wicked Purpoſes; for which he now expreſs'd great Sorrow, and earneſtly ask'd GOD's Pardon and his Maſter's; wiſhing a thouſand times that he had not brought this double Guilt of Blood and Robbery upon his Soul.

2. William Hoskins, condemn'd for two Burglaries, *viz.* 1ſt, For breaking the Houſe of one Mr. *Joſeph Bird*, and ſtealing thence 190 Yards of Spaniſh Poplin, and diverſe other Goods: 2dly. For Breaking and Robbing the Houſe of Mr. *Edward Downes*, and taking away from thence 80 pair of Silk, and 40 pair of Worſted Stockings, with ſeveral other Goods of great Value, on the 22d of *November* laſt. He ſaid, he was about 35 Years of Age, born at *Micham* in *Surry*; where, from his Youth, he follow'd Husbandry, till of late Years he came up to *London*, and got into Service in ſeveral good Families; being firſt a Coachman to a Lady at *Turnham-Green*, and afterwards a Footman to a Gentleman at *Shoreditch*, and to ſome others. He own'd, he was guilty, not only of the Crimes for which he is now Condemn'd, but of others, which (as far as he could) he made known to the Perſons he had injur'd: That now he was ſenſible his Neglect of GOD's Service, in which he had liv'd for a conſiderable time paſt, had given the Devil too much Power over him, and made him unable to reſiſt his Temptations; Adding, That he once little thought he could ever arrive at the Commiſſion of thoſe heinous Facts, that ſhould bring him to this Untimely End; but bad Company had induc'd him thereto; and, among others, *John Chance* (by whoſe Evidence he was Caſt) had a great hand therein; having perſwaded him to go along with him, and aſſiſt him in the Robberies before-mention'd. When I told him, that I thought I had ſeen him in *Newgate* before, he confeſs'd it was true, and that it was for taking a great Coat from off a Horſe's Back, in the Street, about ten Months ago; for which Fact he was burnt in the Hand, and order'd to the Work-houſe, out of which he broke ſoon after. He further ſaid, That of 3 Years and a half he was in and about *London*, he ſpent 18 Months in Service, and liv'd then very honeſtly; but when he quitted that Employment, he became very Looſe and Thieviſh; for tho' he went part of the Summer to Hay-making, yet at other times he ſupply'd his Wants by pilfering, and the like Unlawful Practices; the Remembrance of all which, and the Senſe he now had of the Miſeries he had thereby brought on himſelf, were very bitter and grievous to him.

3. John Savile, condemn'd for Robbing on the King's Highway, and for Burglary, *viz.* 1ſt, For Aſſaulting and Robbing Mr. *Thomas Trenowth* on the Highway, on the 2d of *November* laſt. 2dly, For Breaking the Houſe of Mr. *John Lee*, on the 6th of the ſame Month, and ſtealing thence a Braſs Kettle, a Sawcepan, and other Goods. 3dly, For breaking open the Houſe of Mr. *Maurice Jones*, and taking thence a Braſs Porridge-pot, two Braſs Sawcepans, *&c.* on the 7th day of the ſame Month. 4thly, For breaking the Houſe of Mr. *Edward Hughes*, on that Day, and taking thence four Pewter Diſhes, and ten Pewter Plates. He ſaid, he was 31 Years of Age, born in the Pariſh of St *Mary Whitechapel*; and was 7 years Apprentice with an Armorer in *Haydon-yard* in the *Minories*: That he ſerved 9 Years on board three ſeveral Men of War, *viz.* the *Colcheſter*, the *Ipſwich*, and the *Severn*, as an Armorer; and, That he had never been concern'd in thoſe Robberies he was condemn'd for, had not *Moſes Woodfield* (the Evidence againſt him) induced him to that wicked ſort of Life; by which he did not get above 40 *s.* in all, and is now brought to Shame and Death in this World, and might (were not God moſt Merciful) look for greater Puniſhment in the next. Which to prevent he ſeem'd to do what in him lay to repent; and as a Proof of his Sincerity herein, he reſtor'd (as far as he could) what he had ſtoln and got by any unjuſt Means, and earneſtly deſir'd my Prayers to God for him, ſo careful he was to prevent his Eternal Ruin.

As I knew he could write, ſo I deſired he would ſet down what Crimes he had committed; which he accordingly did, in a Letter he wrote and deliver'd to me; wherein he only omitted the mentioning thoſe Robberies he had before told me of, which were more proper to be (as they were) privately made known to the Perſons he had wrong'd, and was now willing to help (as he did ſome of them) to their Goods again. Here follows a True Copy of his ſaid Letter, for the ſatisfaction of thoſe that will read him in his own Words.

SIR,

YOU deſir'd me to tell you of what Robberies *I had committed:* Sir, *this is to let you underſtand, that I never did no Robberies of any Conſequence, but the Robberies of which I was convicted; for I never did any thing of Conſequence till I went with that* Moſes Woodfield, *which took away my Life; and that was about a Month before I came in hither. I was given a little to* picking of Pockets *before, and took ſome ſmall Matters of little value, which I do pray heartily to* God *to forgive me, and deſire your Prayers for the ſame. And, Sir, I have offended God Almighty in keeping company with other Women when I had a Virtuous Wife of my own: And I have been greatly addicted to* Swearing, *and to* breaking the Sabbath, *and been diſobedient to my* Parents, *in not being ruled by them when they gave me good Counſel, for which I do repent from the bottom of my Heart, and deſire that others will take Warning by my Shameful Death. Pray, Dear Sir, let me have your Prayers for my poor Soul.*

4. **John Awdry**, condemn'd for Burglary, *viz.* For Breaking open the Houſe of Mr. *Thomas Fiſher*, and taking thence ſix Firkins of Butter, a great quantity of Cheeſe, and other Goods, on the 13th inſtant. He ſaid, he was born in the Pariſh of St. *Giles in the Fields*, aged about 26 Years, being 10 Years older than his Brother *Roderick Awdry*, that was executed on the 28th of *May* laſt, for diverſe Robberies by him committed. This *John Awdry* (who was caſt by the Evidence of another Brother of his) own'd the Juſtice of the Sentence of Death paſt upon him, which he had deſerv'd long e're this, as having been concern'd in ſeveral Felonies and Burglaries, formerly with *Thomas Jarrott* (againſt whom he made himſelf an Evidence) who was executed the 24th of *October*, 1711, and of later Date with *Anthony Geary*, executed on the 21ſt of *April* laſt, and with ſome others, who are ſtill alive, and whom he deſir'd to take Warning by his and other his Companions ſhameful End, that they might avoid their own, by a timely

timely Repentance. Upon my asking him, *What was the reaſon he did not take ſuch a Warning himſelf, and after he had been (as he once was) Burnt in the Hand, and ſent to the* Old Bridewell *(where he remain'd two Years) and then ſet at Liberty in* April *laſt; he did not take care to lead a better Life?* He anſwer'd, *That it was his Intent then to become a new Man, and never more do an ill thing willingly, but go to Sea again, where he had formerly ſerv'd the late QUEEN for the ſpace of 16 Years, on board the* Suffolk, *the* Norwich, *the* Betty of Briſtol, *the* Dunkirk-Prize, *and other Men of War; but giving way to the Company of lewd Women, and ſpending his Subſtance upon them, and being thereby reduc'd to the Want of Money and all Neceſſaries; to ſupply theſe his Wants, he ſoon return'd to his unlawful Ways, in which he had been too much converſant before, and which he now (to his great Sorrow) found had brought him to his ſhameful Death in this World, and the Danger of being eternally loſt in the next; which he pray'd GOD, of his infinite Mercy, would pleaſe to prevent, for the ſake of* JESUS CHRIST.

5. **Richard Stevens**, condemn'd alſo for Burglary, *viz.* For Breaking open the Houſe of Mr. *Joſeph Briggs*, and taking thence ſome Pewter Plates, and other Goods, on the 5th of *November* laſt: And likewiſe for ſtealing three Holland Shirts, and other Linnen out of the Houſe of Mrs. *Jane Hare*, on the 13th Day of the ſame Month. He ſaid, he was 17 Years of Age, born in the Pariſh of St. *Martin in the Fields*: He readily confeſs'd, That he had been a very unruly Youth, diſobedient to Parents, and unwilling to be bound Apprentice to any Trade; and therefore his Mother ſent him to Sea, where he ſerv'd about 3 Years on Board the *Colcheſter*, the *Eſſex*, the *Chicheſter*, the *Oxford*, &c. He own'd alſo, That he was ſometime employ'd in crying News about the Streets, but got very little by it: and, That he had committed ſeveral ſmall Felonies, as picking of Pockets, and the like, beſides the Facts for which he is now condemn'd to die, and a few other Robberies, of which he had given Information to the Perſons concern'd. He alſo own'd, that about 8 Months ſince he was found guilty of, and whipt for, ſtealing ſome Holland Shirts out of a Yard belonging to a Houſe in the *Pell-Mell*; adding, That tho' he was given to Pilfering and Thieving (to ſupply his Expences in Gaming, *&c.*) yet he thought he ſhould never have come up to ſuch an height (as he has done) in the wicked Trade of Robbing, if he had not been prompted and encourag'd to it by *Moſes Woodfield*, who afterwards turn'd an Evidence againſt him, and whom he pray'd GOD to forgive.

At the Place of Execution, whither they were this day carry'd in 2 Carts from *Newgate* to *Tyburn*, I attended them for the laſt time; and after I had given them proper Exhortations, and preſſingly admoniſh'd them to conſider well their great approaching Change, and the Eternity they were juſt to be launched into: I pray'd, they might be truly prepar'd for it. They join'd with me both in Prayer, and in the ſinging of ſome Penitential Pſalms, and likewiſe in the rehearſing the Apoſtles Creed; declaring they died in that Faith, which they had thus made Profeſſion of. All of them (but more eſpecially *William Hoskins*) ſeemed to be very fervent and earneſt in their Devotions; for which they had ſome further time allotted them, after I was retired from them. They deſired the Standers-by to pray for them, and all (particularly Young People) to take Warning by them. Then the Cart drew away, and they were turned off; every one of them with his laſt Breath mightily calling all the while upon GOD *to have Mercy on their departing Souls.*

This is all the Account *here to be given of theſe* Dying Perſons *by me,*

Wedneſday, Dec. 22th 1714.

PAUL LORRAIN, *Ordinary.*

Whereas *ſome Letters without Name have, for theſe three or four Seſſions paſt, been ſent to the* Ordinary *of* Newgate, *deſiring him to expoſe in his publick Papers, the heinous Sin, ſaid to be frequently committed by Women under Confinement there, in taking Things to cauſe Miſcarriage, which indeed is a moſt enormous Crime, no leſs than downright* Murder: **These** *are to ſatisfie the Unknown Perſon, who ſent the aforeſaid Letters, That the* Ordi-

nary *knows of no such thing done in that Goal; and, that on the contrary he is apt to think, that those Women, instead of endeavouring to prevent their being with Child, or cause Abortion, do rather use opposite Means.*

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